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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 10 as follows:

Another aspect of the present invention provides a method for initiating voice
communication between two telephony devices, utilizing telephone networks for local
communication, and a data network for long distance communication. The method includes: a)
selecting the two telephony devices to be connected; b) providing information associated with
the two telephony devices to a web server; c) associating local telephony servers with the
provided information; and d) commanding from the web server that the associated local
telephony servers establish communication with their associated telephony device wherein voice
communication between the two telephony devices is established by the web server.

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